

Ask the Chief of the Anna Police: A weekly column allowing readers access to useful information about law enforcement issues in the Anna area.

This column is the personal opinion of Kenny Jenks and is based on his 29+ years of policing experience. It is not necessarily the official opinion of the City of Anna or the Anna Police Department. If you wish to Email, include your name and address in the correspondence. Your information will be edited before sending it to print.

Hello Readers,

I receive between 75-100 Emails each week from persons who would like to converse about the activities of the police in Anna and surrounding areas. I can't respond to or print all of them, but I do read them!

Ellis form Oak Hollow sent the following comment: ***Dear Chief, many people in this town seem to think that the road is there own personal race track. Many think that STOP signs are Slowdown signs. I know in my neighborhood, it has become a complete lack of respect for those laws. Could you please mention this in your article for people to read.***

Ellis, you are pointing out what happens to many drivers when successive trips are uneventful. "Success breeds arrogance" is an old adage that proves itself to be true on a regular basis. What that means is that when human beings regularly experience an uneventful drive to and from their neighborhoods, they become complacent. Laws they would normally abide by such as stopping at a stop sign or driving at or near the speed limit become secondary in their minds because 10, 25, or 50 times in a row, they were able to proceed through a stop intersection without seeing another car in close proximity, or a pedestrian on their side of the road crossing from the right. When you become complacent, what is the worst thing that could happen?

Hey parents, Join us on Saturday August 21 between the hours of 8am and Noon for a Child ID event at the Police Department, (101 S Powell Pkwy). Staff will be on hand in the main lobby to provide free Child ID cards to parents who wish to obtain one. The card will be a laminated ID card including the child's picture and a thumbprint. See you there!

**Reminder: Outdoor Storm Sirens Tested (weather permitting)
First Wednesday of the month @ 12 noon.**

***Phone numbers: Dial 911 in an emergency.** To have a police officer sent to you in a non-emergency, call 972-547-5350. During normal business hours, the APD number is 972-924-2848.

If you have a question or comment, please email: kjenks@annatexas.gov